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Remarks

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 21-31 have been added by amendment. The new claims include new elements and limitations not previously claimed in the case. In particular, the new claims recite that some light emitting semiconductor emit light in a direction generally orthogonal to the longitudinal axis of the light transport device, and that a reflector is used to reflect such light traveling in an orthogonal direction onto a focusing lens.

Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance. In view of these reasons, withdrawal of the obviousness rejections is requested.

Favorable reconsideration of the patent application is requested.

Any fees should be charged to deposit account no. 50-0581.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of February, 2005.

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